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President's Message

by David McPeters

Welcome April! Springtime is my favorite time of year. The days are getting longer. New life is emerging all around. Walking outside, the smells of the earth warming are a relief from the cold dry air of winter. A beautiful harbinger of spring is the yellow-green haze of the cottonwoods as they push out new growth. Irises, crocus, and garlic are pushing into the sun and even blooming. I even like the occasional spring snow shower that paints the landscape white one last time. The trees I winter outdoors are still mulched in with some residual snow cover from the last blizzard, but that will change in the next few weeks.

Spring is a busy time, and it is tempting to give into the urge to start working trees. I have been reading about club members in Denver who are already repotting trees. Where I live south of Parker, I am about 1,000 feet higher than Denver and about 2 weeks behind the trend to spring. The low last night was 20 degrees. But the weather forecast shows

that starting Friday the nighttime temperatures will be in the upper 30s and above. So, this weekend the trees that wintered in the garage will move outside, I will clear the snow off the bunker, and repotting will begin. I am sure there will be at least one night where everything must be brought back into the basement. Springtime in Colorado! The weather app is your best friend.

This month there are two scheduled events you will want to put on your calendar. The first is our monthly meeting. This month's meeting will be Sergi Cuan doing a presentation on deciduous trees. Check out his website here <https://www.m5bonsaiworks.com/>. In the survey last year there were several requests for programs on deciduous trees. I think you will enjoy this one.

The second event is something entirely new and is a bit of an experiment. Traditionally our club auctions have been popular events and a major source of

funding for the club. COVID prevents us from having those in person. So, we are going to try an online auction via Zoom. Look for an email from Nicolas Box with the details. He has put the auction together. It is going to be the night of April 20th. I am not sure how the bidding will work from behind computer monitors but I think it will be fun and we have some nice items up for auction.

Samantha Holm is researching and writing a series of blog posts for the website on "Women in Bonsai". I encourage everyone to read and follow these posts. She poses and explores good questions about the underrepresentation of women in bonsai internationally, nationally, and within RMBS. We each have a perception of RMBS and how we represent bonsai to the larger world. Often perceptions are challenged by data like the statistics Samantha presents.

Her posts can be found

<https://www.rmbonsai.org/post/women-in-bonsai-part-1> and <https://www.rmbonsai.org/post/women-in-bonsai-part-2>.

On a final note. Denver Botanic Gardens has not changed their policy about meetings at their facilities. So, at least for April, we will continue with Zoom meetings. I am hopeful that with the relaxation of statewide restrictions we will be able to resume in-person meetings if not in the second quarter at least by the third.

Enjoy the sunshine! Stay safe.

David

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April RMBS presentation – **April 13, 2021**

Sergio Cuan – Deciduous Trees

In these times, we are always looking for exciting new talent to inspire our work in bonsai. Because he gets around, I often look to Todd Schlafer for recommendations about new talent. Without reservation, Todd strongly recommended that we tap into the work of Sergio Cuan. Sergio comes to us as a youthful emerging professional with a specific focus on deciduous bonsai; and, as an added bonus, if you have read Michael Hagedorn's new book, *Bonsai Heresy*, you will learn that Sergio also did all of the whimsical illustrations for that publication. We are very pleased to welcome Sergio as our guest artist presenter for our April RMBS meeting. – *Tom Anglewicz, program chair*

From the m5bonsaiworks website:

"My name is Sergio Cuan. I am a Cuban-American artist and graphic designer with a BFA in Art and Design from Pratt Institute. I discovered my love for art and nature very early on as a child. I first saw a bonsai tree when I was a teenager, and when I learned what these curious tiny trees were, the marriage between art and nature simply captured my imagination. Bonsai to me is a unique art form that holds commonalities to painting, drawing and sculpture. But unlike those art forms, bonsai is alive. Practicing bonsai is an intimate dialogue between artist and tree. It is cause and effect. It is interactive. That give and take is what gives bonsai its own unique dimension. It's fascinating to think that in a very small, contained space you can experience nature in all its complexity and mystique.

Hearing Issues? RMBS members with hearing issues or use hearing aids may have difficulty with the Zoom on line presentations. Several suggestions are: for blue tooth enabled hearing aids, stream directly to them from an iPhone. You can log in to both your iPhone for audio and your computer for video at the same time. Other suggestions are to use EarPods with iPhone, iPad.

RMBS online Auction – April 20, 7 PM

Hello everyone and happy Spring!

It's certain that many of you have been eager for details on the auction and we now have them. Thank you for being patient while we assembled things! Details below!

1. The RMBS Live Auction will be held on Tuesday April 20th at 7pm via zoom.
2. Auctioneer is Mr. Paul Gilbert.
3. Auction items are up on the website at this link - <https://www.rmbonsai.org/post/rmbs-live-auction-2021>
4. The items will be auctioned in an order according to our auctioneer, and he will be the primary speaker while items are being described and sold.
5. A few club members will be keeping track of bidders who raise their hand on camera, who put a bid into the zoom chat, or who comment out loud that they are placing a bid. Everyone else should try to stay muted or quiet if you are not bidding on an item. It's not a silent auction, but at this point we all know the failings of zoom...so let's do our best!
6. Final, accepted bids and their winners will be recorded. Nicholas will track this and follow up with buyers and sellers after the auction.
7. Shipping/delivery/pickup to be coordinated between buyer and seller, with assistance as needed from RMBS board. There may be an additional shipping cost to be paid by the buyer if a pickup cannot be arranged.
8. Proceeds donated to the club support ongoing club activities such as visiting artists and the annual show. A check can be mailed to **Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society PO Box 472361 Aurora, CO 80047-2361** or sent via Paypal Friends and Family to rockymountainbonsaisociety@gmail.com
9. Current RMBS club members only please.
10. Your Zoom name should have your real name on it, if you'd like to bid. No bidder numbers needed. If we can't contact you, we can't get you your item(s)!
11. Many of these items are high quality and will have a reserve price, or minimum bid. If not much interest is shown in an item, we may move on to something else to keep things flowing.
12. Have fun!!!!!!

Nicholas Box, Auction coordinator

RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

Resources for Members:

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society | Facebook](#) Post and view photos from RMBS members, post questions, comment

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society Forum](#) RMBS website forum has articles of interest

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society \(@rocky_mountain_bonsai_society\) • Instagram photos and videos](#) View or post photos

[Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society - YouTube](#) RMBS meetings recorded appear here, other videos of interest including RMBS show

[Rmbonsai.org](#) RMBS website – headers: News & Events, Galleries, Join, Blog, Forum, Education

Other resources

[Colorado Bonsai Ltd.](#)

[First Branch Bonsai](#)

[S&S Bonsai](#)

[RMBS Facebook Page](#)

[Mike Horine Website](#)

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society Dues info.

Annual membership renewals were due July 1. Individual membership is \$35 per year, a family membership is \$50 per year. Since we are currently following social distancing measures, please send a check to:

Rocky Mountain Bonsai Society

c/o Membership Renewal PO Box 472361 Aurora, CO 80047-2361

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Please be sure to include your phone # & email with your check so we've up to date contact info for you.

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2. Enter rockymountainbonsaisociety@gmail.com
3. Enter the amount, choose the currency, add a note (if needed) and click **Continue**.
4. Select "Sending to a friend."
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The name of the account in Venmo to send to is: Rocky Mountainbonsaisociety

2021 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Date and Location	Agenda or Program
<u>April Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, April 13 * 7PM Zoom online	<u>SERGIO CUAN</u> DECIDUOUS TREES
<u>RMBS Auction</u> Tuesday April 20 7PM Zoom on-line	<u>RMBS MEMBERS AUCTION</u>
<u>May Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, May 11* 7PM Zoom online	<u>TODD SCHLAFER</u> DEMO
<u>June Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, June 1 7PM Zoom on-line	<u>JERRY MEISLIK</u> FICUS AND OTHER TROPICAL TREES
<u>July Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, July 6 7 PM	<u>WILL KERNS</u> TBA
<u>August Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, August 3 7PM	<u>MICHAEL HAGEDORN</u> "BONSAI HERESY, 56 MYTHS EXPOSED USING SCIENCE AND TRADITION"
<u>September Monthly Meeting</u>	<u>NO PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED</u>
<u>RMBS annual show</u> Friday-Sunday September 3-5 Denver Botanic Gardens	<u>SHOW SITE TO BE DETERMINED BY DBG</u> TENT OR BONSAI PAVILION AS CONDITIONS ALLOW
<u>October Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, October 7PM	<u>RYAN NEIL</u> BONSAI MIRAI LIVE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIVES
<u>October presentation follow up</u> Wednesday, Oct 6 7PM-8PM	<u>EXCLUSIVE RMBS MEMBERS Q & A WITH RYAN NEIL</u>
<u>November Monthly Meeting</u> Tuesday, November 2 7PM	<u>DARREL WHITLEY</u> SUISEKI



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